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In re Application of LOEVLI et al :  
U.S. Application No.: 10/552,118 :  
PCT Application No.: PCT/DK04/00242 :  
Int. Filing Date: 02 April 2004 :  
Priority Date Claimed: 04 April 2003 : DECISION  
Attorney Docket No.: APH-0154 :  
For: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF :  
STEROIDAL CARBOTHIOIC ACID :  
DERIVATIVES AND INTERMEDIATES :

This application is before the Office of PCT Legal Administration for consideration of issues arising under 35 U.S.C. 371.

**BACKGROUND**

On 02 April 2004, applicant filed international application PCT/DK04/00242, which claimed priority of an earlier European Patent Office application filed 04 April 2003. A copy of the international application was communicated to the USPTO from the International Bureau on 14 October 2004. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired on 04 October 2005.

On 03 October 2005, applicant filed purported national stage papers in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US). The submission, which was signed by agent Patrick Halloran, listed "AL-05-006-US" as the attorney docket number and was assigned U.S. Application Number 10/551,906.

On 04 October 2005, applicant filed purported national stage papers in the DO/EO/US. The submission, which was filed by Cantor Colburn LLP, listed "APH-0154" as the attorney docket number and was assigned U.S. Application Number 10/552,118.

### DISCUSSION

The submission of two sets of national stage papers for a single international application was improper. A petition under 37 CFR 1.182 along with the requisite \$400.00 petition fee is required to resolve the matter.

### CONCLUSION

A proper response must be filed within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this communication. Failure to timely file a proper response will result in ABANDONMENT of the application. Extensions of time are available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). A proper response would include an appropriate petition under 37 CFR 1.182 along with the required petition fee.

Please direct further correspondence with respect to this matter to Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, Office of PCT Legal Administration, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, with the contents of the letter marked to the attention of the Office of PCT Legal Administration.



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